

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-1-20**

Date Prepared: January 15, 1998

For Work Week Commencing: January 19, 1998

Business Meeting Date & Time: January 20, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Dockets D96.2.22 and D97.11.219 - Discuss any and all matter as necessary (1/21/98)
2. GFG Docket D97.7.119 - Prehearing discussion as needed (1/21/98)
3. USWC/Mike Wiles Docket D97.12.231 - Discuss and act on USWC motion to dismiss (1/21/98)
4. Lone Mountain Springs Docket D97.8.140 - Preliminary discussion of appeal to District Court (1/21/98)
5. Gas Restructuring SB 396 Docket L-97.1-RUL - Prehearing discussion as needed (1/21/98)
6. Letter to Chairman Fisher from Consumer Education Collaborative - The Collaborative agreed that the PSC staff should review and approve investor owned utility education materials for consistency with the content and tone agreed to by the collaborative. The Commission should take action delegating staff this authority if it agrees that this is an appropriate role of staff (1/21/98)

7. Montana Universal Access Program - Waive filing deadline (2/1/98) for applications for Montana Universal Access funding assistance (1/21/98)
8. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.12.250 (Nina)

On December 30, 1997, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana (CTC-Montana) filed tariff revisions to change verbiage from "intrastate" to "intraLATA". Staff recommends approval.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.12.249 (Bonnie)

On December 29, 1997, US WEST filed tariff transmittal 97-AC04, to revise the Carrier Common Line (CCL) bulk-bill factor, to reflect the impact of the 1997 EAS which converted toll traffic to local traffic in several regions throughout the State of Montana.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. - Docket N97.12.252 (Vicki)

On December 31, 1997, MCI filed tariff pages revising the structure and usage rates for Option A (Dial One Direct) and Option AA (MCI One Savings); to remove the Lowest Price Guarantee verbiage from the Weekend Savings Plan; to increase and reduce usage and surcharge rates for 1-800-Collect and Operator Service; to extend and change the Intralata Calling Promotion 2; and to introduce the following promotions: Asia Plan Calling Card, Affinity, and MCI One Savings.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-1-26

Docket N97.12.252 MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. (Vicki)

New Filings Received in Past Week

D98.1.1 MDU - Monthly Gas Tracker